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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

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Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 16, 27-35 and 40-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 16, 27-35 and 40-51 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SD/C)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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Claim Status

Claims 15-16, 27-35 and 40-51 are rejected

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences provided Decision on Appeal on April 20, 2010. Included in the Decision on Appeal was New Ground of Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph (written description). New grounds of rejection of claims 15-16, 27-35 and 40-51 was entered under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the claim limitation “the generated list does not contain the selected seed items” recited in independent claims has not met the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Applicant Argues:

Applicant quotes the following section from the specification.

In Figure 6, this list of seed items only includes one seed item, item 691 corresponding to item 550 shown in Figure 5. Figure 6 also shows a list of recommended items 610, 620, 630, 640 and 650. These recommended items are based upon using seed item 691 alone as a seed for the recommendation engine.

Furthermore, applicant enters the following argument.

In accordance with the embodiment illustrated in Figure 6, a single seed item 691 is utilized to generate a set of recommendations 610, 620, 630, 640 and 650. Moreover, and as illustrated in

Figure 6 (below), none of the recommended items 610, 620, 630, 640 and 650 correspond to the seed item, item 691. Therefore, Figure 6 and its corresponding description clearly convey applicant's possession of the recited limitation "wherein the generated list does not contain the selected seed items."

Examiner Responds:

Examiner is not persuaded. Figure 5 shows a generated list of recommended items for digital photography. The generated list includes The Art of Digital Photography, by Tom Ang, item 550. Figure 6, shows a seed item 691 which is The Art of Digital Photography, by Tom Ang. Clearly the written description contradicts the claim limitation "wherein the generated list does not include the selected seed item" because the generated list of recommended items of Figure 5 includes the seed item 691 of Figure 6.

Furthermore, the written description has the following instances where a list of recommended items includes a seed item in contradiction (emphasis added) to the claim limitation "wherein the generated list does not contain the selected seed items."

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Digital Photography, by Steve Greenberg, Paperback

- (1) Seed Item 411 per Figure 4.
- (2) Recommended item 510, Figure 5
- (3) Recommended item 650, Figure 6

Digital Camera Solutions, Gregory Georges, Paperback

- (1) Seed Item 412, Figure 4
- (2) Recommended Item 540, Figure 5

Real World Digital Photography Industrial Strength Techniques, by Duke McClelland, Katrin Eismann, Paperback

- (1) Seed Item 413, Figure 4
- (2) Recommended item 520, Figure 5
- (3) Recommended item 620, Figure 6

The New Media Guide to Creative Photography, Image Capture and Printing in the Digital Age, by John Carucci.

- (1) Recommended item 630, Figure 6
- (2) Seed item 631, Figure 6

Clearly, the written description included in the specification contradicts (emphasis added) “generating a list of recommended items each based on the selected seed items, wherein the generated list does not contain the selected seed items” because five books are simultaneously a seed item and a recommended item.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Etienne P. LeRoux whose telephone number is (571) 272-4022. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Apu Mofiz can be reached on (571) 272-4080. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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